a blue print/action plan for the introduction of negotiable werehousing receipt system in the country for agricultural commodities.

(iv) The Central Government may formulate a model legislation on agricultural marketing for guiding the States in implementation of the reforms programme.

The State Governments and the Central Government agencies have been requested to take necessary steps to implement the aforesaid recommendations. A Committee has also been set up under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture on 5th February 2003 to formulate a model legislation.

Opening Dairies in States

†1708. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to open dairies in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, and Rajasthan and other States during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) by when they are likely to be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) in Non Operation Flood, Hilly and backward areas. Setting up of dairies in the project areas is also one of the approved component in the scheme. Project proposals under the scheme are prepared by the respective State Governments and approved by Government of India after appraisal. No proposal for setting up of dairies during the current financial year from any of the states is presently pending with Government of India.

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